

**Every Man at Last  
Receives His Deserts.**

The weak man goes down, and on his body the strong man ascends. That is just. Would you have the weak man ascend on the prostate form of the strong man? Should the weak survive and breed and build your race? None of us work just for a time and we use it to make our real purpose. —Robert Hubbard.

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WEATHER TODAY—Rain or snow.

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH, FRIDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 3, 1909.

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## FEAR OF VIOLENCE BY THE STRIKERS

Seriousness of Situation Following Walkout of Switchmen Plainly Apparent.

## RAILROAD OFFICIALS SAY END IS IN SIGHT

But Fact Remains That Little Freight Is Moved, and Many Are Suffering.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Dec. 2.—Chief John J. O'Connor of the police department practically admitted that he considered the strike situation serious today when he ordered that all members of his day force stay on duty at Central station until 10:30 o'clock tonight.

The order goes into effect tonight and will continue until all danger of a clash between strikers and strike-breakers is ended.

The chief also issued orders recalling all patrolmen and officers absent on leave. Substitutions were notified not to permit any men to stay off duty except for the most serious illness.

**Officials Optimistic.**

Several conferences between the chief and officials of the railroads have been held today. According to railroad officials, the beginning of the end of the strikers' strike is in sight. A prominent official said today that the railroads were handling thirty per cent of all business offered.

"We are employing new men as fast as they come, and we are moving a large amount of freight. In a week the public will not know that there is a strike."

Between 200 and 300 men arrived today from Chicago and were distributed in St. Paul, Minneapolis and Duluth.

Railway men claim they can get plenty of men to take the places of strikers, and that some now on hand are experienced in the work. Some will be placed on the yards and others will act as guards.

**Few Engines at Work.**

Five switch engines were working in the Union depot yards early today, and others are expected to be put in commission when needed. According to a statement issued by Third Vice President Slater of the Northern Pacific, two coal trains were moving today, and a grain and miscellaneous freight were moved into Duluth from the west.

Way freight service, he said, had been re-established on practically all lines.

Some St. Paul wholesale grocers reported today that shipping conditions were improved, but coal dealers and produce men said that conditions were unchanged.

**What Strikers Say.**

As against optimistic statements of the railroad managers, strike leaders say they are in a stronger position today than ever. They refer to the fact that the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen and the Order of Railway Conductors in Melrose, Minn., yesterday adopted a resolution to "stand neutral and refuse to do other than the work done prior to the pending trouble."

This means that trainmen and conductors will refuse to do any switching except at those stations where it had been customary for train crews to switch their trains.

**Factories Cutting Down.**

Factory forces are being reduced because of the shortage of supplies caused by the freight tieup, and the two big shops of the Great Northern, employing 1000 men, failed to open today.

All except one of the twenty-three big flour mills in Minneapolis are idle, although millers say they will know in twenty-four hours whether they will open their mills soon.

Special police forces were reported on duty at the Union station yards today by strike pickets, and when President Hawley learned that these men had been imported he called the attention of the state labor commissioner to the matter.

**Attitude of Labor.**

Labor Commissioner McEwen said that if men wearing police badges were residents of Minnesota, they and those responsible for their employment in the state were violating the state law. McEwen is investigating the report and said this afternoon if he finds non-residents of Minnesota wearing special police badges he will at once order their arrest, as well as the arrest of those who brought them here, if they appear liable under the law.

The law makes it illegal for any one not a local voter of the state to act as special police officer, detective, constable, militiaman or patrolman. If they have been sworn in they are liable to imprisonment for one year.

**Statement of Counsel.**

Mayor Lawler has been retained as counsel for the switchmen. He addressed a meeting of strikers in Minneapolis last night and said:

"Some of the newspapers give the employers' side only and state that the railroad managers were not notified until too late of the contemplated action of the switchmen. But I state here and now that they knew to a man that the strike order was issued and that they had no offer of a settlement to avert the impending trouble."

When President Hawley of the switchmen's union was shown the statement of the general managers regarding the refusal of the men to arbitrate their differences he said:

"I do not care to make a formal answer to that until I consult with Mayor Lawler. Mr. Lawler, however, has answered every point raised by the general managers' committee in his statement, which was made public here today."

Mayor Lawler this afternoon issued a statement defining the position of the city.

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## MORGAN PURCHASES EQUITABLE CONTROL

Consummation of Deal Involving Hundreds of Millions Is Officially Confirmed.

## NOTED FINANCIER BUYS ALL RYAN'S INTERESTS

Marks Reversal of Old Order in Which Insurance Companies Ruled Banks.

NEW YORK, Dec. 2.—Control of the Equitable Life Assurance society, secured by Thomas F. Ryan soon after the insurance scandals a few years ago, has passed to J. Pierpont Morgan with the \$472,000,000 of assets which the company declared in its last statement. The transfer, apart from the magnitude as a chapter in the history of finance, marks a complete reversal of the old order under which insurance companies controlled destinies of banks and trust companies.

News of the transfer was contained in the following brief statement from the offices of Morgan & Co.

**Official Statement.**

"Mr. Morgan has bought the majority of the stock of the Equitable Life Assurance society, formerly owned by Thomas F. Ryan. The purchase is subject to the trust under which Grover Cleveland, Morgan J. O'Brien and George Westinghouse were made voting trustees for the benefit of the policyholders, and it covers all Mr. Ryan's interest, including all the stock purchased by him from James H. Hyde."

Beyond these bare facts, Mr. Morgan and his partners declined to give any details. The exact amount of stock bought by him and the price paid remain for subsequent announcement. Nor would they name any other interests allied with them, although it is commonly understood in Wall street that at least one large trust company may take a hand in the deal, if the consent of the Equitable is obtained.

**Stock Was Tied Up.**

Under the terms of the trust agreement referred to in Mr. Morgan's announcement, the Ryan stock could not be sold without the consent of the surviving trustees, whose term of power held until June 15, 1910, if they saw fit. Both are busy men, and, as they have served the society without pay, it has long been taken for granted that they would be willing to pass their responsibilities to other shoulders if they found they could do so without prejudice to the policyholders. Prior to confirmation of the transfer, neither Mr. Westinghouse nor Mr. O'Brien would discuss either its details or its possibility.

**Harriman Was Interested.**

Mr. Ryan's holdings in the Equitable were bought, it is said, partly from James H. Hyde, although Edward H. Harriman had laid plans which, as he supposed, were to assure him the control that went instead to Mr. Ryan. It is a curious coincidence that Mr. Harriman, when questioned on this point, coincided with subsequently became a national byword. He was asked if he had settled scores with Mr. Ryan, and answered:

"Not yet."

The public added with ready intuition:

"But soon."

At the offices of the Equitable society, President Paul Mortimer professed ignorance of the transfer, and news of the change of control seemed to come as a surprise to other officers. It is known, however, that directors of the society and principals in the deal were in conference yesterday and until late today, and there is authority for the statement that the transfer met with their approval.

Former Justice Morgan J. O'Brien, one of the surviving trustees, said tonight:

"Although Mr. Morgan has become, by purchase, the majority owner, the trustees retain the voting power of the stock, and for the time being, at least, we act as trustees."

Nothing about the transaction beyond the fact that Mr. Morgan has bought a majority interest. What idea he had in making his purchase I do not know. This gave credence to a report that the transaction will result to the benefit of all policyholders.

**MISS DILLON SAYS SHE  
ESCAPED FROM CONVENT**

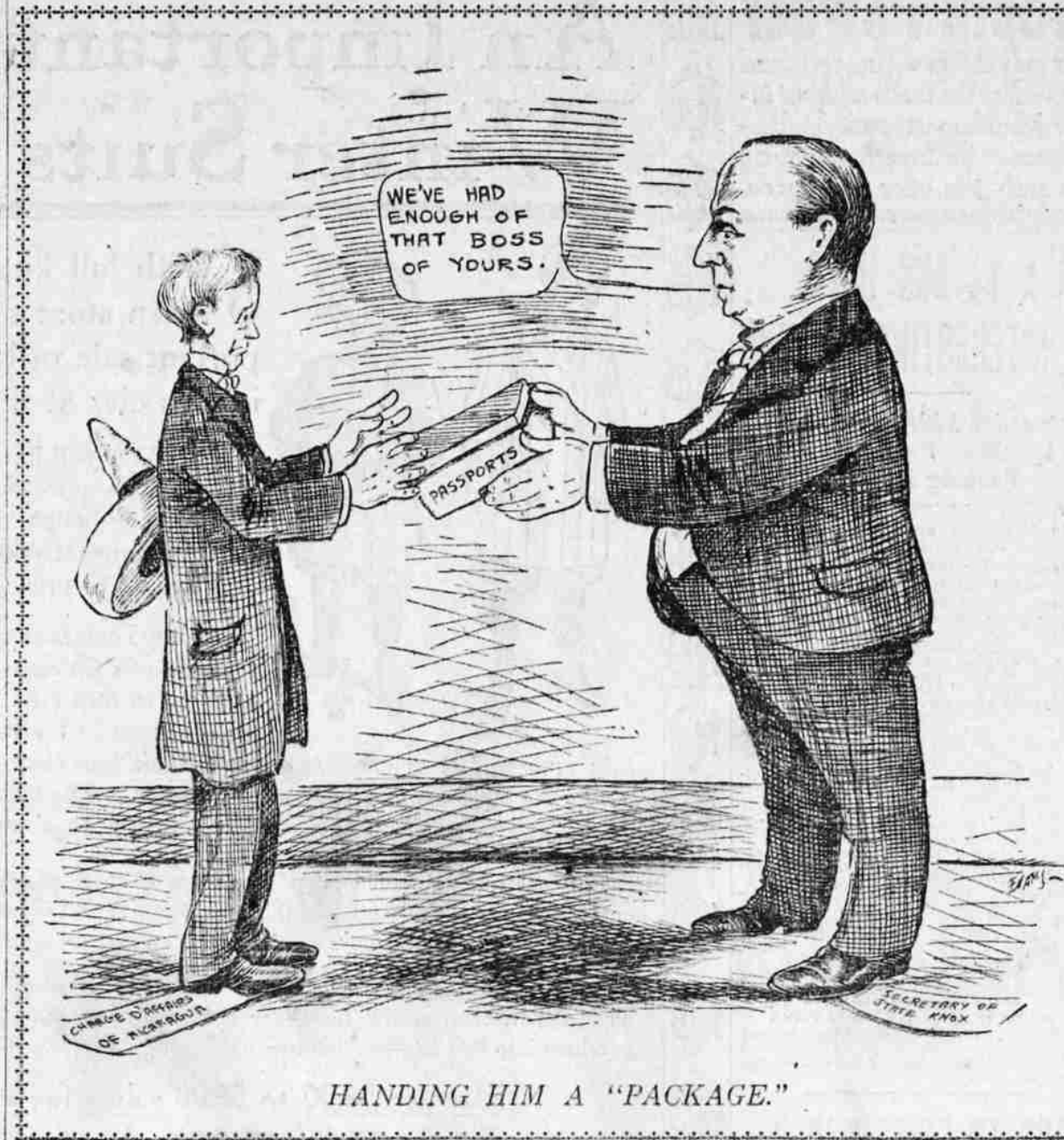
CHICAGO, Dec. 2.—Hazel Robertson Dillon, the 18-year-old girl found unconscious yesterday in Lincoln park, and who later told her arrest, said today that she had escaped from a convent near Tarrytown, N. Y., was reported to be suffering from hysteria today.

The police learned that the young woman had appealed to two young men on a street car last Friday night to direct her to her home. They did so, and later she telephoned one of them and told him to come to her home. She obtained for her quarters in a north side hotel, for money. Whether she received money from him or not is not known.

The girl said she had been told that she had run away from a convent, and an investigation showed that she had been wearing a pair of gymnasium bloomers. This gave credence to a report that the young woman had escaped in a dress taken from another girl's room, which she had worn over a gymnasium suit, and that she had been taken to a hospital where she was diagnosed as epileptic.

**GERMAN ACTOR CLASSIFIED  
AS VAGRANT IN DENVER**

DENVER, Dec. 2.—A German giving the name of Adolphus Boehmer, and claiming to be well known as an actor in his native country, was arrested here today as a vagrant and placed in jail. Boehmer had a list of German residents of Denver, whom he says, he was trying to interest in a German play.



## COPPER MERGER TO BE UP TO PRESIDENT

Morgan Will Submit Plans of Proposed Combine to Taft and Wickersham.

Special to The Tribune.

NEW YORK, Dec. 2.—The work of forming a billion dollar corporation is so intricate that hitches and controversies are bound to occur. Yet negotiations in the copper merger have been progressing as satisfactorily as could be expected. J. P. Morgan, who first undertook the deal, is still at the head of affairs, and intends to remain there. The deal is expected to be completed within the next few weeks. Before completing the deal, Morgan will submit his plans to President Taft and Attorney General Wickersham. The plan for the merger, which will be that the United States Steel Corporation and the American Copper Company will be combined into a single entity, will be submitted to Mr. Taft and his attorney general.

## REPORT OF PROGRESS ON STRAWBERRY PROJECT

Special to The Tribune.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—The engineer in charge of the Strawberry valley reclamation project reports that during November 35 lineal feet of tunnel were excavated. The tunnel has been done around the portal in the way of constructing snow sheds to facilitate the handling of motor and cars during the rain and snow. The tunnel is now about a large drain to carry the water away from the portal of the tunnel during the spring floods.

The tunnel road has been practically impassable for freight trains during the latter part of the month, due to the heavy rain and snow. The tunnel is now about a large drain to carry the water away from the portal of the tunnel during the spring floods.

## PRESIDENT OF UTAH COPPER NOT WORRIED

Special to The Tribune.

NEW YORK, Dec. 2.—C. M. MacNeill, president of the Utah Copper Company, when asked with reference to the suit brought by Colonel E. W. Wall against the company, declared the charges ridiculous.

"The work of the underground developed work of the company," said Mr. MacNeill, "has been done in territory adjoining the property of Colonel Wall on the north side of the property. To me whatever has been taken from the limits of Mr. Wall's claim, I feel it my duty to say that Mr. MacNeill, to make the above statement, so that no Utah shareholder will be led to believe that the interests of the company are in any way jeopardized by such litigation."

## Investigation Desired.

NEW YORK, Dec. 2.—The recent acquisition of the Western Union Telegraph company by the American Telephone & Telegraph company is to be a subject of inquiry by the state legislature's committee, now investigating the telephone and telegraph conditions in New York state.

## Noted Scholar Dies.

PRINCETON, N. J., Dec. 2.—William Alfred Packard, Ph.D., D.D., professor emeritus of Latin in Princeton university, and for many years a well-known figure in the world of classicists, died suddenly from heart trouble at his home here today. He was 79 years old.

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## SENATOR BORAH WANTS TO FIGHT SUGAR TRUST

Special to The Tribune.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—Senator Borah is prepared to introduce a resolution in congress directing an investigation of the sugar trust. The senator from Idaho is in earnest, but President Taft and Attorney General Wickersham appear to be opposed to an investigation, believing it will retard the prosecutions to be made by the government in the suits if the hand of the prosecution is disclosed in advance.

## SEES DANGER LURKING IN BIG CORPORATIONS

NEW YORK, Dec. 2.—Prof. Franklin H. Giddings of Columbia university, sees danger lurking in the big corporations, and that they are raising the question of where the sovereignty of the republic lies.

"The corporations are defying the law," declared Professor Giddings in a speech today at the sociology conference held under the auspices of the Presbyterian church, "and I would confine their property to the state."

## NATIONAL WOOLGROWERS WILL MEET IN OGDEN

CHEYENNE, Wyo., Dec. 2.—George E. Young, secretary of the National Woolgrowers' association, has issued a call for the convention of the association at Ogden, Utah, January 6, 7 and 8. Public lands and the tariff will be the chief topics considered.

## Girl Wearies of Life.

RENO, Nev., Dec. 2.—Because ranch life had become distasteful to her, and with the demands of her father that she return to her farm home ringing in her ears, Ivy Lewis, 21 years old, daughter of a prominent ranchman, committed suicide by swallowing strychnine in Carson City tonight.

## Speedy Punishment.

BRAWLERS, Wyo., Dec. 2.—Twelve hours after he had robbed a store here last night, Paul Jones, alias Duke Graham, began serving a four-year sentence in the penitentiary.

## MILLIONS LOST IN NORTHWEST FLOOD

Large Portion of Washington Practically Cut Off From the Outside World.

BELLINGHAM, Wash., Dec. 2.—For three days northwest Washington has been cut from quick communication with the outside world, boat service alone furnishing a connecting link.

No trains are moving except between this city and Burlington, twenty miles south, and service cannot be rendered inside of a week.

Telephone wires were restored today.

Twenty miles of railway track in Skagit and Whatcom counties have been destroyed. The loss to railroads will exceed \$1,000,000. Whatcom county lost \$100,000 in bridges alone. Fern Dale's losses aggregate \$500,000. There two mills, a school house and eleven residences were destroyed.

**Miles of Track Gone.**

Five miles of Northern Pacific track in this county has disappeared, and the grade being obliterated. The steel drawbridge on the Great Northern at Skagit must be replaced. South of Skagit, a school house and eleven residences were destroyed.

The Anacortes branch of the Great Northern has lost half a mile of grade at Anacortes, while a mile of track has been washed away at Whittier. About forty miles of the Rockport branch of the Great Northern must be reconstructed. The right of way between Lyman and Hamilton must be relocated for a distance of five miles.

Leconer is under seven feet of water. The town's loss is placed at \$150,000 in stocks of goods destroyed and two warehouses filled with grain and hay which collapsed and slipped into the flood.

In the country north of Leconer 1,000 head of cattle were drowned, while 400,000 sacks of oats and 8,000 tons of baled hay are a total loss. Sloughs and bays for miles from Leconer are covered with drifting hay and sacks of oats. A barn filled with hay was found floating in Puget sound by a northbound steamer yesterday. The loss to the farmers is estimated at \$600,000 in livestock, hay and grain.

## BIG BALTIMORE FIRE CAUSE OF HEAVY LOSS

BALTIMORE, Dec. 2.—Fire broke out tonight in a building in South Sharp street, within a block and a half of the point of origin of the great fire of 1904. It spread rapidly and within a short time had done damage estimated at \$100,000.

In its spread the fire involved the establishment of many shoe dealers and furniture stores. The flames jumped a narrow alley and gained a momentum in the trial of H. Clay Pierce for alleged false swearing.

## ARGUE WHOLE DAY AS TO STATUS OF WOMAN

AUSTIN, Tex., Dec. 2.—The question of woman and her legal status occupied almost the entire time of the court here today in the trial of H. Clay Pierce for alleged false swearing.

The question is whether a woman acting as a notary has the right to administer an oath. A young woman clerk in the service of the state administered an oath to Mr. Pierce when he swore his company was not in any way connected with the Standard. The contention of the defense was that this notary being a woman had no legal status under the laws of Texas, and consequently Pierce committed no crime in having her recognize anything he said.

## CONSPIRACY PLANS OF ZELAYA FEARED

President of Nicaragua Reported to Be Working Plot to Retain Power.

## UNITED STATES SENDS MORE WARSHIPS DOWN

Government Determined That American Life and Property Shall Be Safe.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2.—Driven to desperation by the unexpected attitude of the United States, President Zelaya is now reported to have developed a plan whereby he can resign and still retain power. This consists in putting in the office of president of Nicaragua Jose Madriz, well known in Central American diplomatic circles as Zelaya's henchman and declared to be at Zelaya's beck and call.

The state department, it is declared, is entirely cognizant of the conspiracy under way and will act vigorously and promptly if occasion demands.

**Diplomatic Schemes.**

In the meantime neither the state department nor Nicaraguan legation officials will discuss the matter. Senor Rodriguez, charge d'affaires of the legation, insisted tonight that he has not heard from his government, and the state department likewise refused to be ignorant of the next movement of President Zelaya.

When the alleged plot for the continuation of the Zelaya power by proxy became known, it threw the Central American contingency into confusion. One of the diplomats explained the reason for their perturbation.

"Jose Madriz is a man of exceptional ability," he said, "and one who could be extremely dangerous. He was plenipotentiary here for Nicaragua several years ago, but threw off his allegiance to President Zelaya and became a political refugee, eventually representing Salvador at this capital. With the peace conference was called in Washington President Zelaya, convinced of the necessity of putting a competent man here to look out for Nicaragua's interest, offered Madriz \$150,000 a year to return to the service of his country, which Madriz promptly did."

**Occupied High Place.**

He signed the arbitration treaty with the other Central American republics and was appointed president of the Central American court of justice, which sits in the capital of Costa Rica. When the dispute between Honduras and Nicaragua was appealed to the court the only member of the tribunal who refused to sign the agreement was Madriz. He refused, it was then understood, was due to the direct orders of Zelaya, who was anxious to test the interest the United States actually had in the contention and the standing of the various republics with your government.

Now, it is plain to us here, Zelaya is desirous of finding a man whom he can command to put in the president's palace. Naturally, he turns to Madriz, who has served him well, and with the peace conference was called in Washington President Zelaya, convinced of the necessity of putting a competent man here to look out for Nicaragua's interest, offered Madriz \$150,000 a year to return to the service of his country, which Madriz promptly did."

**Awaiting Developments.**

While the state department has been acquainted fully with the situation, it is not prepared to protest. In view of the extremely powerful note addressed to President Zelaya yesterday, through the Nicaraguan representative, it is not believed that Zelaya will depart from this after the naval forces of the United States are being moved forward tonight to both coasts of Central America to protect American life and property in Nicaragua by force of arms, if necessary.

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Besides the cruisers Des Moines and Tacoma and the gunboat Marietta are lying off Port Limon, Costa Rica, ready for any call upon them, and guns of the gunboat Vicksburg are looking toward the customs house and town of Corinto.

The gunboat Princeton also is endeavoring to make her way from the Bremerton navy yard, Washington, to Corinto.

At the probability of many delicate questions arising in Nicaragua, the navy department decided to send a flag officer to Nicaragua to take command of the American naval forces. Rear Admiral William M. Kimball was chosen. He sailed for Colon, Panama, today on the Pacific.

He will make his way from there to Corinto doubtless as rapidly as possible.

Admiral Kimball is a member of the naval board of examinations and retirements and of construction.

**Marines Not Landed.**

No marines have been landed at any point in Nicaragua. That statement was made to the Associated Press tonight by Brigadier General George E. Elliott, commanding the United States marine corps.

"Neither are there any marines on board any United States war vessels in Nicaraguan waters," said General Elliott. "The marines nearest Nicaragua tonight are at Panama."

"Have they been ordered to Nicaragua?" General Elliott was asked.

"Not yet," replied the commander.

## PRAIRIE IS AGROUND WITH MARINES ON BOARD

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 2.—Carrying a rear admiral of the United States navy, two battalions of marines and Continued on Page Eleven.

## HOUSE OF COMMONS READY FOR BATTLE

By Decisive Majority, Claim to Exclusive Control of Nation's Purse Is Recorded.

## BEGINNING OF GREAT CONSTITUTIONAL STRUGGLE

Premier Asquith Makes Speech That Burns Lords to a Crisp, Winning Applause.

LONDON, Dec. 2.—By a majority of 235 the house of commons today recorded its claim to exclusive control of the nation's purse—a claim never before challenged in modern times.

The vote was taken on a resolution offered by Premier Asquith, which declared "that the action of the house of lords in refusing to pass into law the financial provisions made by the chamber for the expenses of the year was a breach of constitution and an usurpation of the rights of the house of commons."

The resolution was passed by a vote of 249 to 14.

By this vote the opposing forces of the lords and commons are placed in battle array for one of the greatest constitutional struggles that has come before the country for centuries.

**Contrast in Scenes.**

Scenes of enthusiasm which accompanied the voting of Mr. Asquith's resolution were in marked contrast to those witnessed in the recent debate in the house of commons to utter solemn warnings against the course the ministers were pursuing.

The resolution was passed in a complete unanimity of protest against the action of the upper house.

Mr. Balfour, leader of the opposition, evidently was suffering from defects of his disposition and did not speak at his best. His speech lacked the ring of sincerity and conviction that characterized the prime minister's. The latter had an easy task in mounting a brilliant and scholarly attack, amid the rousing cheers of his supporters, as a "new-fangled Caesarism," this "arrogant usurpation" of the lords.

**Premier Is Sarcastic.**

The premier's ironical reference to the "instinct of divination" of the peers on reaching methods disdained his hearers in laughter. He quoted with trenchant effect the speech of Mr. Balfour less than a year ago in which the ex-premier described himself as a "house of commons man," and said:

"It is the house of commons, not the house of lords, which settles, uncontrolled, our financial system. If the house of lords could touch the money bills the whole executive machinery of the country would be brought to a standstill."

The amazement with which the liberals listened to the quotations from Balfour against himself was only equalled by the chagrin depicted on the face of Mr. Balfour's followers.

Mr. Asquith surpassed himself and his elated followers declare that he never made a finer or more effective speech.

Mr. Henderson's speech for the last time, in which he urged the great encouragement for the coming campaign as showing that the whole party is of one mind. In the lobby, after the sitting was adjourned, election prospects were discussed by the members with the greatest satisfaction.

## EASTERN TRAINMEN WILL ASK MORE PAY

NEW YORK, Dec. 2.—Representatives of trainmen on all the eastern roads of the country, comprising 200,000 employees, issued a statement tonight declaring that they will soon present a demand to the railroads for a 10 per cent increase in wages.

The statement reads in part as follows: "The votes in the various districts have all been raised by members of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen. The vote will be presented to all eastern railway companies. Everything possible will be done to avoid a strike. Though the Brotherhood's union is not a legal measure, the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen does not. The agreements with the eastern railroads stipulate that they may be terminated on thirty days' notice by either party. No such notice has as yet been given."

## DEFENDS LA FOLLETTE AND ROASTS UNCLE JOE

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Dec. 2.—Did or did not congress regard the rights of the consumer when it framed the latest tariff bill?

That was the question Senator Moses E. Clapp of Minnesota asked when he spoke here tonight as the premier orator in Senator La Follette's campaign for return to the United States senate. He answered in the negative.

Mr. Clapp also made direct reference to "Uncle Joe" Cannon, senator from Illinois, who had been expelled by the senate. He said that he was not a member of the senate, and that he was not a member of the senate.

"Tech" students now plan reform work.

BOSTON, Dec. 2.—Students at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology are to take up as a diversion, reform work among penal institutions in the state. This action was decided upon tonight by a majority of the lower classmen, who had been appealed to by the Rev. H. W. Stebbins, chaplain of the state prison. According to the "Tech," a college paper, many students there would not be "wiped off the map" by the efforts of the state.

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